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**Committee Bill No. 74**

LCO No. 3317

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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Aging

Introduced by:  
(AGE)

**AN ACT CONCERNING NURSING HOME INSPECTIONS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 19a-493 of the  
2 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
3 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2005*):

4 (b) (1) A nursing home license may be renewed biennially after (A)  
5 [an] the occurrence of four unscheduled [inspection] inspections  
6 conducted by the department during the two-year period of licensure,  
7 (B) submission of the information required by subsections (a) and (c) of  
8 section 19a-491a and any other information required by the  
9 commissioner pursuant to subsection (b) of said section, and (C)  
10 submission of evidence satisfactory to the department that the nursing  
11 home is in compliance with the provisions of this chapter, the Public  
12 Health Code and licensing regulations.

13 Sec. 2. Section 19a-521a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
14 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2005*):

15 (a) The Department of Public Health shall, whenever possible,

16 conduct dual inspections of chronic and convalescent nursing homes  
 17 or rest homes with nursing supervision when an inspection of such a  
 18 facility is necessary for the purpose of the facility's maintaining state  
 19 licensure and certification for participation in the Title XIX Medicaid  
 20 program or the Title XVIII Medicare program, provided such dual  
 21 inspections shall be conducted in not less than fifty per cent of such  
 22 facilities. On and after January 1, 1993, the department shall conduct  
 23 such dual inspections in not less than seventy per cent of such  
 24 facilities. [On and after June 3, 2003, such dual inspections shall not be  
 25 disclosed to such facility before such inspection and shall be conducted  
 26 on a random basis, as to date and time of day.] Such dual inspections  
 27 shall be conducted on a random basis as to date and time of day and  
 28 shall not be disclosed to such facility prior to the time of inspection.

29 (b) The Department of Public Health shall compile a report for each  
 30 inspection conducted pursuant to subsection (a) of this section. Such  
 31 reports shall include quality performance measurements for each  
 32 facility that is inspected. The quality performance measurements  
 33 contained in such reports shall, at a minimum, include the following  
 34 data: (1) A standardized data set of clinical performance measures, risk  
 35 adjusted for patient variables; and (2) comparable statistically valid  
 36 patient satisfaction measures, conducted by the facility and reported to  
 37 the department.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2005	19a-493(b)(1)
Sec. 2	October 1, 2005	19a-521a

**Statement of Purpose:**

To require the Department of Public Health to conduct inspections of nursing homes on the average of two times per calendar year, and to require that the department include certain quality performance measurements with such inspection reports.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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